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The House convenes at 10 a.m.

The House today is expected to consider HR 3 by Geren, the proposed Housekeeping Resolution for the 84th Legislature. A summary of HR 3 as filed begins on page 1.

The Sunset Advisory Commission is scheduled to meet today starting at 9:00 a.m. in Capitol Extension Room E1.036, the Senate Finance Committee Room, for its final vote on recommendations to the 84th Legislature on agencies under Sunset review.



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PROPOSED HOUSEKEEPING RESOLUTION CHANGES

The administration and operation of the House of Representatives are governed primarily by the Housekeeping Resolution adopted for the two-year term of each legislature. HR 3 by Geren, the proposed Housekeeping Resolution for the 84th Legislature (2015-16), would increase the salary cap for most House member and committee staff and would maintain the monthly operating account for House member offices while in regular or special session at the amount authorized for the 83rd Legislature. The proposed resolution also would update various dates to reflect references to the 84th Legislature.

Monthly Operating Accounts

The monthly allocation to members' operating accounts would remain at \$13,250 for months that fall wholly or partially within the 2015 regular session or a special legislative session (sec. 5.04(a), pp. 20-21). HR 3 would increase from \$11,925 to \$12,500 the standard amount allocated to a member's operating account for months other than those within a regular or special session.

	80th Leg. 2007	81st Leg. 2009	82nd Leg. 2011	83rd Leg. 2013	Proposed 84th Leg. 2015
Monthly member operating account:	\$11,750	\$13,250 (regular session)	\$11,925 (regular or special session)	\$13,250 (regular or special session)	\$13,250 (regular or special session)
	\$12,250 (maximum possible adjustment as of 9/1/07)	\$12,250 (interim, with possible adjustment up to \$13,250)	\$11,500 (interim, with possible adjustment up to \$11,925)	\$11,925 (interim)	\$12,500 (interim)
Member and committee employee salary cap:	\$4,017	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$5,000	\$5,151

The maximum amount of unspent funds that a member could carry forward from one fiscal year to the next would remain at \$20,000 (sec. 5.05(b), p. 22).

The monthly salary cap for most member and committee employees would increase from \$5,000 to \$5,151 (sec.4.07(d), p. 15). As in the 83rd Legislature, the amount of the salary cap could be adjusted by the Committee on House Administration to account for any salary increase provided to all state employees. Also as before, a member could exempt one employee on the member's own staff from the salary cap, and a committee chair could exempt one employee on the committee staff from the cap.